

~~TOP SECRET DINAR~~

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Reissue (T210.2 and 211)

*Drafted to
or ALBERT
and attached.
[initials]*

From: NEW YORK
To: MOSCOW
No: 18-19

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4 January 1945

[Part I] To VIKTOR[1].

(u) Further to No.2(a). Here is the gist of the enclosure to LOUIS's[1] memorandum:

1. In "Memoranda on Conversations" LOUIS sets out the reactions to FROST[1ii] of various persons with whom he and FROST came in contact. Opinions agree that FROST is not running the business competently, that he is making many empty promises, that he is not listening to advice and that he over-estimates his capabilities.

2. In "Summary Report" LOUIS reports about the various steps in the development of the company and FROST's mistakes which were connected with them. He considers it necessary soon to reorganize the company by setting up the following departments (in order of importance):

1. Production.
2. Selection of music to publish, of the artists and gramophone recordings.
3. Promotion.
4. Distribution.

Except for FROST LOUIS considers that none of the present personnel is adequate to deal with the tasks which confront each of these departments. In his opinion FROST should concentrate his attention on the problems of the second department; LOUIS himself, not knowing the technology of production, undertakes to head distribution. For promoting the products ability of high order is required. At present the company is failing to deal with the problem of production and this means that business is at a standstill. ~~Pop. in thi~~
~~area this is necessary the enlisement of a specialist who could surround himself with experienced sound recorders, chemists and machine experts and who would know the market.~~

[Part II] He and 4 qualified workers could solve the personnel problem.
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(68 groups unrecoverable)

"Chronological Report for 1944" LOUIS describes the activities of the company.

4 and 5. ~~correspondence~~ Magazine newspaper clippings and ~~copy~~ of postal and telegraphic [1 group unidentified] on company business. ~~The end~~

No.12

MAY[MAJ][iv]

M. H. file

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~~TOP SECRET DINAD~~ VENONA

AL'BERT[v] is urgently asking for a CONTAX camera for ACORN [ZhOLUD'][vi]. It is extremely difficult to get one here. Please telegraph YuRIJ[vii] at once.

No.13

MAY.

Your No.6165[b]. DDT is a disinfectant used by the army of the COUNTRY [STRANA][viii]. See our letter No.1 of 1944, the paragraph about CHROME PIGMENT [KRON][ix].

No.14

ANTON[x]

Your No.5351[c]. You agreed to the use of AKhMED[xi] in the second line. In order to decide the question of whether to use him as a group leader in this line in place of BEK[xii].
~~we would please permit NAZAR[xiii] to have a chat with AKhMED for the purpose of verification.~~

No.15
4 January

MAY.

Notes: [a] Not available

[b] Not available

[c] Not available

Comments: [i] VIKTOR: Lt. Gen. P. M. FITIN

[ii] LOUIS: Alfred K. STERN.

[iii] FROST: Boris MORROS.

[iv] MAJ: Stepan Zakharovich AFRESiN.

[v] AL'BERT: Probably Iskhak Abdulovich AKhMEROV.

[vi] ZhOLUD': Bella GOLD.

[vii] YuRIJ: Lev A. TARASOV.

[viii] STRANA: U.S.A.

[ix] KRON: Unidentified cover-name.

[x] ANTON: Leonid Romanovich KVASNIKOV.

[xi] AKhMED: Unidentified.

[xii] BEK: Sergej Nikolaevich KURNAKOV.

[xiii] NAZAR: Stepan Nikolaevich SHUNDENKO.